Annex to the letter dated 19 December 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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IGAD Khartoum Summit issues its Final Declaration, Khartoum, 23 November 2000

The Eighth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) concluded its sessions at the Friendship Hall in Khartoum on Thursday evening, 23 November 2000, and issued the Khartoum Declaration. Hereunder is the full text of the Khartoum Declaration:

Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

Khartoum Declaration of the Eighth Summit of Heads of State and Government, Khartoum, 23 November 2000

We, Heads of State and Government of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda, having met in Khartoum under the chairmanship of H.E. Omer Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan, and carried out extensive discussions on ways and means of consolidating our cooperation in various political, economic, social, humanitarian and other areas, have agreed on the following:

1. Political developments in the region

1.1 We express satisfaction at the positive political developments that have started to prevail in the subregion. This augurs well for the endeavours of maintaining peace and stability in our member countries and for creating a conducive atmosphere for the realization of the noble goal of peace, development and integration through enhanced efforts of collective subregional cooperation.

1.2 **On the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea**. We note with satisfaction the cessation of hostilities between Ethiopia and Eritrea and we congratulate the two countries for having reached and signed a cessation of hostilities agreement to this effect. It is our conviction that the implementation of this agreement, under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), will bring a permanent solution to the conflict between them.

1.3 **On the Somalia and southern Sudan peace processes**. We have undertaken extensive consultations on the Somalia and southern Sudan peace processes and after hearing reports on both we have adopted the resolutions attached to this Declaration.

2. Enhancing subregional cooperation in the new millennium

2.1 We further recognize the need for our countries and peoples to come together and join efforts to meet the challenges that confront our region as we enter the new millennium. We are therefore convinced that our peoples have the right to live in peace and rekindle their aspirations for stronger and cohesive unity transcending

cultural, ideological and national differences. We furthermore commit ourselves to promoting participatory democracy and adapting it to suit local conditions in our member States. We also dedicate ourselves to promoting freedom of expression and association, transparency, good governance and the rule of law in our member States.

2.2 All forms of human rights — civil, cultural, economic, social and political — are integral and indivisible rights of our peoples. We therefore reaffirm our commitment to respect human rights and ensure their prevalence and protection through effective systems as a guarantee of, and a necessary factor for, sustainable development.

2.3 We encourage the establishment of regional associations of professional unions, Chambers of Industries and Commerce, parliamentarian unions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil societies of member States with the aim of promoting popular participation of civil society as important players in issues related to fundamental freedoms and the well-being of our peoples. We also direct the IGAD secretariat to coordinate activities of national NGOs of the member States and involve them in action as and when the need arises.

2.4 We also encourage the facilitation and expansion of inter-State trade among member countries of the subregion and request the IGAD secretariat to study the draft agreement proposed by the Sudan, in this respect, with a view to formulating a draft trade protocol to be submitted to the next ministerial meeting for consideration and possible approval.

2.5 We express our determination to promote regional economic cooperation and urge IGAD member States to take the necessary measures for the implementation of cross-border projects of a regional nature, in particular infrastructure projects in the area of transport, communication and power. This involvement of the private sector in various regional ventures, including trade service, shall be encouraged in view of the increasing role it is expected to play in accelerating regional integration.

2.6 We recognize the important role played by the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF) and urge the international community to contribute generously to promoting projects and programmes. We further urge the IGAD secretariat to vigorously pursue resource mobilization with IPF and other non-traditional international donor agencies with a view to accelerating implementation of IGAD's policy harmonization programmes and priority projects, in particular regional infrastructure projects. In this regard, we express our concern at the selectivity policy of donors in financing regional projects, as such selectivity is detrimental to regional and integration efforts. We endorse the resolutions adopted by the 20th Council of Ministers of IGAD on the relations with partners.

2.7 We view with concern the current drought afflicting our region and reaffirm our resolve to combat natural and man-made disasters. In this respect, we reiterate the need to establish a disaster preparedness mechanism and strengthen the Nairobi-based Drought Monitoring Centre to enable IGAD member States to respond more effectively in mitigating the impact of drought.

2.8 We reiterate our individual and collective commitment to the implementation of the United Nations Convention to combat desertification, aimed at addressing the menace of drought and desertification, and further agree to establish National

Desertification Funds and a Subregional Facilitation Fund to support implementation of national action programmes and subregional action programmes.

2.9 We recognize the enormous potential for the region to be self-sufficient in food production. In this respect, we urge IGAD member States to formulate national and regional food security programmes and to take advantage of scientific and technological means for the improvement of production and productive capacities. We confirm our resolve to mobilize and utilize the human and natural resources of our region with the aim of achieving food security.

2.10 We commend the Inter-Agency Task Force on the United Nations Response to Long-term Food Security, Agricultural Development and Related Aspects in the Horn of Africa for its report on food insecurity in the Horn of Africa and appeal to the donor community to contribute to the implementation of the recommendations contained therein.

2.11 We call upon the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources, and the Organization of African Unity to determine whether there is an outbreak of Rift Valley fever and assist IGAD member States in overcoming the problems of a livestock export ban, and avert the severe social and economic impact that will result if the ban continues.

2.12 We call upon our celebrated national intellectuals living in the diaspora to participate in the development of the subregion by:

(a) Enhancing our capacity in negotiation and lobbying for better agreements in the emerging technologies and markets;

(b) Assisting the region in monitoring international trends in information technology and biotechnology in order to benefit from such innovations;

(c) Developing alliances and partnerships with other institutions in order to improve acquisition of relevant science and technology for utilization and management of transboundary natural resources.

3. Privatization of the IGAD secretariat and institutional matters

3.1 We reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the Authority and making it more responsive and better adapted to the changing needs in view of the challenges inherent in globalization and the new millennium. We therefore reiterate our commitment to pay our assessed contributions and settle all arrears in a timely manner.

3.2 We endorse the establishment of a mechanism in the IGAD subregion for the prevention, management and resolution of intra-State and inter-State conflicts, and direct the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft protocol on the establishment of the Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARM) for consideration by the Assembly at its next meeting.

3.3 We appreciate the support IGAD has received in the establishment within the Secretariat of a Women's Desk and a Plan of Action which was endorsed by IGAD Ministers in charge of Gender Affairs, as an institutional policy framework to ensure the mainstreaming of gender into IGAD priority projects and programmes.

4. Implementation of decisions

We mandate IGAD focal point Ministers to take the necessary measures towards the implementation of the above-mentioned decisions as soon as possible. We also call upon the Executive Secretary, as a matter of priority, to take all appropriate measures to follow up the implementation of these decisions.

Done at Khartoum on 23 November 2000.